

In the specification:

On page 2 please replace the paragraph immediately following DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION as follows:

As shown in figures 1 and 2, a safety tool 1 has a tool handle 2 configured in the form of a pistol grip and having a finger hole 3 for receiving one or more fingers of the hunter for producing good tight control of the tool. The forward portion of the tool has a knife blade support portion preferably in the form of a deep elongated slot 4 for receiving the cutting blade of the knife as shown in figures 5 and 6. Nose portion 5 pushes the hide upwardly and away from the entrails of the animal, typically a deer, for deterring contamination of the meat, by cutting into the entrails, as the knife and tool are urged forwardly together. Finger hole 3 is also shown in the figure 3 sectional within the tool handle [[4]] 2 whereas the lower slot portion is shown in the figure 4 sectional.

Please substitute the following for the last paragraph on page 3:

It should now be appreciated that a preferred method of carrying out the invention is presented that enables a hunter to safely field dress a large game animal with a knife the method including the steps of:

(a) providing said hunter with a safety tool (figure 6,1), for enabling said hunter to safely field dress a large game animal with a knife (6), having a knife handle (8), for cutting the large game animal's hide, said safety tool having a safety tool handle (2) configured to be firmly gripped by one hand of said hunter and having a deep slot (4) formed in a forward portion of the safety tool, adjacent a nose portion (5) widely separated from the safety tool handle and configured for pushing the hide upwardly and away from entrails of said large game animal during cutting of the hide, and for supporting and containing an upwardly facing cutting edge (7) of the blade of the knife during dressing of said large game animal, the cutting blade being positioned closely adjacent said nose portion, and wherein said deep slot is positioned and configured to keep the cutting edge of the blade of said knife facing away from fingers of said one hand of the hunter gripping the safety tool handle; and wherein said deep slot is deep enough to receive and contain more than a very small portion of the cutting edge of said knife, thereby to

deter jumping of the knife blade out of the deep slot that can cut said hunter;

(b) having the hunter position the knife blade within the deep slot with its cutting edge up; and

(c) having the hunter push the safety tool forward with one hand while pushing the knife forward with a second hand to form an elongated cut in the hide of the game.